ABSTRACT OF SAID DISCLOSURE

There are provided a character processing method and apparatus capable of editing and printing a plurality of texts, as desired, even by using a small-sized display screen, without reading/writing each text frequently, and a storage medium storing a program therefor. A matrix having elements of M ($\geqq$ 1) characters in one of row and column directions (X direction) by L ($\geqq$ 2) characters in the other (Y direction) is set as a text matrix. Text data of characters in the text matrix is stored in correlation with a position of each character in the text matrix. A partial matrix of the text matrix, which has elements of maximum N ($1 \leqq N \leqq M$) by J ($1 \leqq J \leqq L$) characters in the X and Y directions is set as a display matrix. Images of characters in the display matrix are displayed in correlation with a position of each character in the display matrix, based on the text data. An arbitrary k-th one, where k = 1, 2, 3, ... or L, of L partial matrices of the text matrix arranged in the Y direction each having one character in the Y direction and maximum M characters in the X direction is set as a k-th candidate processing matrix. One of the L candidate processing matrices is selected as a processing matrix, and characters in the processing matrix are determined as processing characters.